

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for producing pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof, comprising:

by coating substrates with a film-forming coating agent comprising a pigment,
wherein where the film-forming coating agent is a (meth)acrylate copolymer having cationic or anionic groups,

wherein characterized in that

the film-forming coating agent and the pigment are initially present separate from one another as liquid, sprayable, incompatible individual portions in the form of a solution, suspension or dispersion, and

are sprayed simultaneously by spray application by ~~means of~~ one or more spray devices which ~~are capable of separate spraying of~~ separately spray liquids, singly or together, and their spray beams overlap,

in such a way that the incompatible individual portions are mixed during the spraying process, impinge on the substrate and form thereon, after evaporation of the liquid, a uniformly pigmented film coating, resulting in the pharmaceuticals or the parts of the pharmaceuticals or the food supplements or the parts thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method as claimed in according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the (meth)acrylate copolymer consists of 30 to 80% by weight free-radical polymerized C₁ to C₄ alkyl esters of acrylic or methacrylic acid and 70 to 20% by weight (meth)acrylate monomers having a tertiary amino group in the alkyl radical.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the (meth)acrylate copolymer consists of 40 to 60% by weight methacrylic acid and 60 to 40% by weight methyl methacrylate or 60 to 40% by weight ethyl acrylate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the substrates are selected from the group consisting of active ingredient crystals, active ingredient-containing cores, tablets, granules, pellets or and capsules.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the pigment incompatible with the coating agent is an aluminum pigment.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ according to claim 1, characterized in that wherein the pigment incompatible with the coating agent is selected from the group consisting of orange yellow S (E110, C.I. 15985, FD&C Yellow 6), indigo carmine (E132, C.I. 73015, FD&C Blue 2), tartrazine (E 102, C.I. 19140, FD&C Yellow 5), Ponceau 4R (E 125, C.I. 16255, FD&C Cochineal Red A), quinoline yellow (E 104, C.I. 47005, FD&C Yellow 10), erythrosine (E127, C.I. 45430, FD&C Red 3), azorubine (E 122, C.I. 14720, FD&C Carmoisine), amaranth (E 123, C.I. 16185, FD&C Red 2), and acid brilliant green (E 142, C.I. 44090, FD&C Green S).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 or 6, characterized in that wherein the one or more spray devices comprises two or more two-fluid nozzles or one or more three-fluid nozzles are employed as spray device.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that wherein the spray application takes place in a drum coater, a coating pan, a fluidized bed apparatus or a spray sifter.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 8, characterized in that wherein the spray application takes place by ~~means of~~ spray devices as fixed installation.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~which can be~~ produced by a method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 9 according to claim 1.~~

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~which can be~~ produced by a method as claimed in according to claim 10, characterized in that it is wherein the pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof are in the form of tablets, granules, pellets, capsules, sachets and powders for reconstitution.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 10 or 11, characterized in that wherein a sealing layer is present between the coating and the substrate.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing layer consists of a neutral polymer.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A drum coater, coating pan, fluidized bed apparatus or spray sifter suitable for carrying out a method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 9~~ according to claim 1, comprising one or more three-fluid nozzles as spray device wherein the one or more spray devices comprises one or more three-fluid nozzles.

Claim 15 (Canceled).